give Financial credits to various Industrial units in the country besides the Nationalised Banks;

(b) the number of units, State-wise, that were assisted by these agencies during the last three years; and

(c) the total amount distributed to these units during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) There are term lending institutions viz., IDBI, IFCI, ICICI, IRBI, GIC, LIC & UTI at the national level besides state level institutions like SFCs, SIDCs to meet the term loan requirements of the industrial units. The details of assistance disbursed by all these institutions during the last 3 years are as at Annexure-I. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexeure No. 43] As far as number of units is concerned, the same unit may get assistance from more than one of the above mentioned institutions. The number of units State-wise and the amounts which have been provided as direct financial assistance by the IDBI which is the Principal term lending institutions as far as large and medium scale units are concerned, is given in Annexure-II. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 44]

Poor visibility of telecast of Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli

1103. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Nagercoil TV Station which is under construction will be completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that the programmes, relayed from recently opened Kodaikanal TV Station, are not visible at Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli Districts; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to improve the relay system and to alleviate the difficulties experienced by the TV viewers of these Districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) According to present indications, the TV transmitter proposed to be set up at Nagercoil is expected to be commissioned during 1988.

(b) Yes, Sir. Due to terrain conditions, the TV signal from Kodaikanal transmitter is not received in Kanyakumari Districts and parts of Tirunelveli district.

(c) The installation of a 100 W transmitter at Nagercoil in Kanyakumari district which will relay programmes via satellite and a transposer at Courtelam in Tirunelveli district which will relay Kodaikanal programmes is included in the Seventh Plan.

Reserve Bank guidelines to provide concessions to industrial units in Punjab

1104. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has directed the banks in Punjab to provide concessions to the industrial units in view of the prevailing conditions in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the directions issued in this regard;?

(c) whether a committee set up by the Central Government has also visited Punjab to review the implementation of these stipulations; and

(d) if so, the findings of the committee and what concessions banks will provide to the industrial units in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India has been issuing directives to the banks in Punjab from time to time to provide concessions to the industrial units in view of the prevailing conditions in that State. The gudelines which are currently in operation upto June 30, 1987, are as under:—

(i) The officials at the Branch and Controlling levels are authorised to sanction on merits, additional limits to the extent of 50% of the existing working capital limits subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs.

(ii) The margins after reduction in deserving cases by ten percentage points in respect of advances against the commodities not covered by the Selective Credit Directives, should not exceed 15%.

(iii) Branch Managers are authorised to extend the period for the realisation of bills purchased and advance bills for collection by one month.

(iv) Repayment of term loan in deserving cases may be rescheduled by extending the period upto one year.

(c) and (d) A Central Team consisting of the representatives of the Central Government, Reserve Bank of India and a few selected commercial banks having substantial presence in Punjab, visited the State on 2nd and 3rd February, 1987 to review the progress of the implementation of the various concessions granted to industrial units in Punjab. Follow-up action on their recommendation has been initiated.

Investment by non-resident Indians

1105. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-resident Indian investors have been found to be lukewarm to the setting up of projects with 74 per cent equity participation, despite the high equity participation offered;

(b) if so, how the equity investments under the Scheme have increased year after year since the introduction of the Scheme; and

(c) what were the reasons for the cool response of NRI's to the scheme and how the NRI's response to this scheme compares with that to other such NRI investment schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The investment approved under the 74% Equity Participation and 40% Equity Participation Schemes during the last three calender years is given below:—